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EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR BAHRAIN

Note by the Administrator

1. The fourth country programme for Bahrain was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988) for the period 1987 to 1991. The main objectives of the fourth country programme were as follows: diversification of the economic base, development of human resources, exploitation of natural resources, conservation of the environment and institutional development.

2. The provisions of Governing Council decision 91/29 concerning countries with per capita gross national product (GNP) above $3,000 apply to Bahrain, which had a per capita GNP of $6,340 in 1988. The indicative planning figure (IPF) for the fifth cycle is being calculated according to the provisions of 91/29. The Council will be informed of this amount at its thirty-ninth session. A UNDP mission visited Bahrain in October 1991 to review the conditions for programming UNDP assistance under the next country programme. As a result of this mission, the Government indicated that it would cover the cost of the projects throughout the remainder of the fourth cycle and during the fifth cycle as well as the local office costs. The Government has indicated the importance of the role played by UNDP in the implementation of its development projects.

3. The Government is currently reviewing its development objectives and technical cooperation needs and the extension of the current country programme for one year has been requested to enable the Government to formulate a viable programme. During this period, the country programme objectives of the fourth cycle will be valid and continue to be implemented.

4. It is expected that the fifth country programme will be submitted to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1993.

5. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for Bahrain for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.